

September 13, 2018

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Kearsarge Telephone Company - Notice of Network Change

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.325 – 51.335 of the Commission's rules, Kearsarge Telephone Company ("Kearsarge") hereby submits the attached: Certification of Public Notice of Network Change under rule 51.329(a); Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333; and Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement under rule 51.333. Specifically, Kearsarge is providing notification of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities in a certain digital service area (DSA) located in Salisbury, New Hampshire. Upon completion, Kearsarge will provide services through its fiber optic network.

All of the customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (POTS). Following transition to fiber, Kearsarge will continue to offer these customers the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities. There will be no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service: this is not a transition to IP-based service, and Kearsarge will offer these customers the same regulated service they have today.

With this filing, Kearsarge withdraws the earlier July 16, 2018 filing and replaces it with this current, updated version.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer R. Heise

Manager - Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

# CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF NETWORK CHANGE UNDER RULE 51.329(a)

On September 5, 2018, the following Public Notice of Network Change has been made by Kearsarge pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.325 - 51.335.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at: <a href="https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2018.html">https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2018.html</a>

Title of Network Notification: TDS Public Notice 2018-24 Kearsarge, NH (Agony Hill) – Copper Retirement

Jennifer Heise Regulatory Compliance Manager TDS Telecommunications Corporation 525 Junction Rd Madison, WI 53717 608-664-4148

Date: September 5, 2018

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333

Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2018-24 Kearsarge, NH (Agony Hill)

September 5, 2018

Carrier: Kearsarge Telephone Company, 242 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Contact: For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

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Implementation Date: On or after December 26, 2018

Planned Network Change(s) Will Occur at the Following DSAs:

#### Locations

Retirement of copper network facilities in the area listed in Exhibit A

DSA 01704 - 31 Agony Hill , Andover, NH

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CLLI - ANDNNH04

#### Description of the Planned Network Change(s):

Kearsarge intends to retire a number of copper facilities in the DSA locations listed on the attached Exhibits to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. Kearsarge has deployed its fiber-to-the-home network in the areas identified in Exhibits A.

#### Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Kearsarge will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. These retirements will have no impact on the services provided to the retail customers served by the copper facilities that will be retired. Further, there will be no changes to rates, terms and conditions.

### Exhibit A Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2018-24 Kearsarge, NH (Agony Hill)

The copper facilities associated with the following addresses served by

Kearsarge's DSA located at 31 Agony Hill, Andover, NH

#### CLLI - ANDNNH04

Community	Street	Building Number
Andover	Boston Hill	123
Andover	Plains	147, 166, 177

## CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF COPPER RETIREMENT UNDER RULE 51.333

I, Linda Robinson, do hereby certify that on September 5, 2018 (a minimum of five business days prior to filing with the Commission), I caused Kearsarge's Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333 to be served upon each telephone exchange service provider that directly interconnects with Kearsarge's network in the applicable area(s). Attached in Exhibit B are the names and addresses of those providers who were served.

The Public Notice may also be viewed on TDS' website at: <a href="https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2018.html">https://tdstelecom.com/carrierservices/public-notices/2018.html</a>

Title of Network Notification: TDS Public Notice 2018-24 Kearsarge, NH (Agony Hill) – Copper Retirement

Linda N. Robinson Manager - Regulatory Compliance & Carrier Relations TDS Telecommunications Corporation 525 Junction Rd Madison, WI 53717 865-671-4758

Date: September 5, 2018

### Exhibit B Copper Retirement ID - TDS Public Notice 2018-24 Kearsarge, NH (Agony Hill)

Consolidated Communications, 1 Davis Farm Rd., Portland, ME 04103